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Amanda Muratori
In opposition of State Charter Moratorium
Bill: H-5193

Dear Rhode Island State Legislators;

My name is Amanda Muratori and I am writing in opposition to Bill H-5193 (charter school moratorium). I am an administrator at the Segue Institute for Learning, a middle level charter school in Central Falls. I am also a resident of Smithfield.

I have spent my career working in this divisive field where finances peg traditional public schools against charters of all varieties. I worry that this 'us vs. them' mentality has built barriers that oversimplify the flaws in our educational system as well as perpetuate misunderstood beliefs about our common bottom line- the education of our students.

Within the charter school umbrella, there are a variety of models that together meet the needs of families across the state. Specifically, it is important to think about the difference in impact between a Charter Management Organization infiltrating a district versus a home-grown public charter meeting a community specific need or goal. This is where I ask that you look closely at the proposed bill as it would impact all classifications of charters rather than isolating the root of the problem. If passed, this charter moratorium would have a direct and irreversible negative impact on small charters making big differences in communities with the highest need for support.

I do not support Bill H-5193 and it's intention to activate a state-wide charter growth moratorium.

Thank you for your time,
Amanda Muratori
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